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## HILLSBORO'S NUMBER

The Country Life Conference held at Hillsboro last Friday, Saturday and Sunday under the auspices of the Extension Department and various local organizations was a great success from every standpoint. The attendance was good, the interest intense, and the future will tell of the real things for the improvement of the community which were set in motion.

Implements for measuring various things are very common in every day life. For example, we have the yard stick, the bushel basket, and the score cards for different classes of livestock, as well as agricultural and household products.

However, we did not have a way for measuring the whole community until 1917, when Director Frame of the Extension Department worked out the Community Score Card.

The score card takes into consideration all the institutions and factors that help to make up a community; namely, community spirit, citizenship, recreation, health, homes, schools, churches, business and farms. Under these various headings are grouped the many factors to be considered in the measuring of a community.

The ideal rural community would receive 1000 points on the basis of the score card. However, such a community does not exist, and is not taken into consideration in scoring. Rather, the community is rated on a comparison of conditions existing in that community and other communities in West Virginia that have been scored.

The yard stick was applied to the Hillsboro community on the 16th, 17th and 18th of March, during the course of the country life conference.

Hillsboro made a total of 748 points—a very creditable number when we take into consideration that out of the 78 communities that have been scored, Hillsboro ranks second.

Berlin, the only community that has scored higher than Hillsboro, made 752 points. This community is now the highest scoring community in the state with 798 points. Hillsboro now ranks high with the various communities that have been scored, and with some local effort this community should rank first in the State.

The Hillsboro schools ranked high, but the score was very low on farms. The farmers in this community are falling behind in cooperative endeavors, such as the purchase of supplies and the marketing of farm products. Other communities in West Virginia far excel Hillsboro in these endeavors. A spirit of united action must prevail before the score can be raised to any extent on farms. Practically nothing is being done to eliminate 90 percent of the leakage in livestock diseases and loss in weight resulting from the attacks of lice on livestock.

Rev. A. H. Rapping, of Buchanan, preached a continued sermon during the course of the meetings on "Building the Kingdom."

Miss Minnie Wallace wrote a very creditable history of the Hillsboro community.

Dr. H. W. McNeel was chosen chairman of the community council, composed of representatives of all the various organizations of the Hillsboro community.

A ten year program was adopted

at the meeting held Sunday night. Fully three hundred people assembled voted unanimously to support the council in carrying out the program as outlined, namely:

1. Community Building
2. To increase the Sunday School attendance to 75 percent of the population.
3. Better co-operation among farmers.

4. Beautifying the Home Grounds.
5. To work out a plan to include adjacent communities.

Dr. McNeel will call a meeting in the course of the next two weeks, so that the council can consider ways and means for working out the program.

Are you a community builder or are you just merely living in your community?

With the advent of good roads, Pocahontas county will be visited by many tourists. What sort of an impression will these people form of the county?

The challenge is thrown out to all of us to clean up our premises, remove old eye sores and rubbish and to make Pocahontas county a spot of beauty.

Let us have more home conveniences such as lighting systems, pitcher pumps, etc. As Mr. Rapping says there will still be enough left to tax our religion.

Do something for the community in which you live. Think in terms bigger than yourself; namely in terms of communities.

Individuals benefit in proportion to the way that the community prospers. That is why one takes so much care in choosing the community that they are to live in.

Let's boost Pocahontas county by making it a beautiful place to live.

A similar conference will be held at Greenbank on May 18, 19 and 20, and it is hoped that one can be arranged for Edray at later date.

## MARNE VETERANS IN MARNE SCENES

Mobilization of the biggest army ever organized for motion picture purposes took place in Hollywood, Cal., for Metro's colossal Rex Ingram production of "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," by Vicente Blasco Ibanez, coming to Amusu Theatre. This army differed from others that have been used in mimic battles for the screen in that every officer and private enlisted in it saw service over seas.

"We were enabled to put on a more authentic reproduction of the second battle of the Marne than ever before has been attempted in battle pictures," says director Ingram, "because the men participated in the battle that proved the turning point of the war."

June Mathis, who prepared the picture version of Ibanez's sensational book, made repeated visits to the Metro ranch outside of Los Angeles, where a French village was reproduced as a background for the battle scenes.

P. S. Scott was struck by a large rock rolling down the hillside while driving team at the Marlin Lumber Co. Camp in Tuesday. He was struck on the calf of the leg, the muscles being severely torn and bruised.

People wonder why mothers weep at weddings. Mothers have been over the road See Dangerous Curve Ahead.

## CASH YOUR VICTORY BONDS

Frank R. Hunter, Vice President of the Bank of Marlinton, called our attention to the fact that there are still many outstanding Victory Loan Bonds, which were due in December, and are now drawing no interest. These bonds are lettered A, B, C, D, E and F. They are doing the owners no good, and the government is anxious to pay them off.

In addition, Victory Loan Bonds lettered G, H, I, J, K and L will be due May 20 and can now be cashed in at face value and accrued interest. These too should be turned in to the bank at once so there would be no delay in the owners getting their money.

The point this writer wants to get over is for the holders of Victory Bonds of December to get them into the bank at once as they have accumulated no interest. Also to get the Victory Bonds of May into the bank now so the owners can receive their money and interest on or shortly after May 20.

A good thing to remember is that government bonds draw no interest after the date marked on them for payment.

I desire to express my opinion in regard to legislation for a six month school term. It is true that a child who is not strong over studies even during a few weeks at school, especially if he is extraordinarily quick to learn. But the health laws which ever rule the child—out of condition when the child is permitted or even compelled to remain at home and recuperate. The principal reason for most farmers wanting a short term is a selfish one. They wish their children to remain at home to assist in labor and bear burdens beyond their age and strength. This labor breaks down many children and often cripples them mentally for an overwork of body scarcely ever has a quick mind. The school on the contrary helps those whom nature has not endowed with a strong constitution to be able to succeed in life without hard physical labor. The child who is injured by study is one who has heart or other weakness directly acting on the nerves which would wholly unfit him for hard work. Look at the widows toiling over the wash tub to support their families when a little more education would have fitted them for higher positions.

Remember that the father who put their motherless babes in homes to be cared for without the tender companionship of a parent, with a little more schooling these fathers could have filled better positions and kept a home and their children in it. But look all around and see that most if not all of those who favor the short term are tobacco users, many of them slaves to it and if they would quit this habit they could pay their small share of the school taxation without getting peevish. In a short time they smoke or chew many times their share of such taxation. The filthy habit is slowly destroying their bodies and injuring them mentally and will harm their boys and girls more than all the overstudy they will ever accomplish. The sweet young daughter asks, "Papa, will you buy me a Victrola for Xmas?" "My dear," the fond parent replies, "I am sorry but I have not the money." Yes, did he think of it that he chewed up the price of that victrola, a grand piano, an automobile and many other things in the years he has been addicted to the habit. Another says he cannot own a home. Well I should say not for that house went up in tobacco smoke long ago. Another complains that wife has such poor nut of debt. Well brother, clear away the smoke and you can see your way out. Now if you will throw away tobacco and buy good books for the children and read them yourself education in West Virginia will be advanced fifty percent, and you will be able to help the help you need and your wife will not be obliged to cut wood while you loaf at the store complaining of the high taxation since women are allowed to vote. To return to the subject—let us have the long school term.

A letter from Dr. Mary Fleming, medical missionary, stationed at Gunter, India, states that she was bitten by a mad dog the last day of September. She was in a Pasture Institute for a month and was another month getting well. During Christmas week she was camped by the ocean side, and she had a delightful time. In speaking of the native fishermen she says her party were "much interested in watching the fishing nets brought in every day. The boats were about the same size as those must have been in which Jesus sat and spoke to the people. The fisher folks were about as curious about us as I was about them. Sometimes I would try to walk around one of them, and he or she at the same time would be trying to walk around me. They were quite friendly after they found that we knew enough not to step over the net as it was being pulled in and coiled. For us to do so would have resulted in an empty net, they thought."

One of our exchanges published his farm news notes under the heading "In Realm of Rest." It is understood he is having a time explaining that he meant no harm when he did it. It is one of those things that will happen in printing offices some times.

## PRUNING FRUIT TREES

1. Remove dead broken and diseased branches. If the removal of a large limb would expose the south side of trunk or main limbs, leave the limb until new branches can be developed to shade them if possible to prevent sun scald.

2. Remove water sprouts. Sometimes water sprouts may be retained to advantage when it is desirable to replace an injured or dead branch.

3. Remove crossing or rubbing branches.

4. Remove small branches at the center of the tree where sunlight can not penetrate to color the fruit.

5. Remove branches that touch the ground. It is not desirable to remove all the lower limbs of a tree, but where the branches touch the ground without being weighted down by fruit, they should be removed. The fruit on these lower limbs is seldom first class and the branches interfere with proper cultivation. The cuts should be carefully made if they are to heal over. Several different experiments in pruning have proved that the time has little to do with the rapidity of healing but that the important factor is the method of making the cut. First of all the cut should be smooth. Few people are expert enough with the axe to warrant using this tool except for dead trees. In moving a limb the cut should be parallel to the latter. If a stub is left the chances are that wood will not heal over and that wood will rot down into the trunk of the tree, fill up with water and help kill the tree. If it is impossible to cut up close with a saw and the limb must come out, use a chisel and mallet to finish the job. Wounds an inch or more in diameter should be painted over to exclude insects and moisture while the wound is healing. White lead mixed with linsed oil will serve the purpose admirably. However, it has a tendency to peel off, so the application should be repeated when that occurs.

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7. Kill the Worms but Spare the Bees. Spraying with Lead Arsenate, will control the worms which enter the apple but it will also kill the bees if the trees are sprayed when in full bloom. I would suggest that the proper time to apply the spray for the control of worms is immediately after the petals have fallen, at that time there is no danger of killing the bees as they do not look for nectar in dried up flowers. On the other hand this is the best time to apply the spray because there are no petals to interfere with the spray material reaching the Calyx tubes of the flowers.

Later on when the worms try to enter the blossom end of the apple about 85 per cent of the worms enter the apple in this way a dose of poison is there to prevent it. From six to ten days after the petals have fallen the Calyx lobes close, making it impossible for them on to force spray materials effectively into the Calyx Ovs.

It is desirable to apply lime sulphur together with lead arsenate at this time. The lime sulphur greatly reduces the amount of scab which attacks both the apple and the leaves. Lead arsenate is used at the rate of 2 to 2 1/2 pounds to 50 gallons of water or 3 table spoonful to a gallon of water. In this same water lime sulphur is used at the rate of 1-1/2 to 50 of water if liquid lime sulphur is used or if the dry form is used 4 to 5 pounds.

Cherries and plums are sprayed with the same materials immediately after the husks have fallen from the young fruit. This means to spray thoroughly covering all fruit and foliage.

By B. S. Davis, Expert Horticulturist, State Depart. Agriculture, Charleston, W. Va.

## CLARENCE

Comedy in four acts by Booth Tarkington.

Will be presented by the Students of Edray District High School, Edray and Saturday nights, March 30th and 31st, at eight o'clock, in the High School Auditorium.

Clarence has no medals, no shoulder bars, no great accomplishments. One of the "five million" he served where he was sent though it was no further than Texas. As an anatomologist he found, on this side of the ocean, no field for his speciality in the great war, so they set him to driving mules.

Now reduced to civil life and seeking a job, he finds a position in the home of one, Wheeler, a wealthy Englewood man with a family, and because he "been in the army" he becomes rude, philosopher and friend to the members of that same aristocratic family group. Clarence's position is an anomalous one. He mends the bath room plumbing, he tunes the piano, he types off stage he plays the saxophone; and around him revolves such a group of characters as only Booth Tarkington could offer. It is a real American comedy; and the audience ripples with appreciative and delightful laughter.

Those marvelous young people, Cora and Bobby Wheeler, are portrait sketches warranted to appeal to every one but the originals. Their truth will be lost on the "Flapper" and the "prep" school youth, but to their parents and guardians, to all indeed, who have emerged from adolescence, self conscious, period of their life, they will be an enduring joy.

"Clarence" is a real delight. It is as American as "Huckleberry Finn" or pumpkin pie. It is as delightful as any native comedy which has tried to lure the laughter of this country in the last five seasons.

Born to Mr and Mrs Seebert Wilfong, at August, Monday, March 19, 1923, a son.

WEATHER FORECAST: Watch out for "The Storm."

## PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

A meeting was held at the High School on Monday night for the purpose of considering ways and means of procuring the services of a competent public health nurse who will devote her time during the next school year to making physical examinations of the school children of Pocahontas County, and then to follow up this work by whatever is possible to do towards having corrections made where defects are found.

Those attending the meeting were Mrs. F. R. Hunter, Mrs. E. M. Richardson, Hubert Echols, J. L. Baxter, Dr. C. S. Kramer, F. M. Snyder, Rev. H. H. Orr, G. D. McNeill, Prof. C. J. Ramsey, H. C. C. Willey, Dr. N. B. Price and Calvin W. Price.

Mrs. F. H. Willison, of Columbus, Ohio, with the American Red Cross, was present and spoke on what the public health nurses were doing in the schools of various counties of the State in finding and having corrected defective vision, bad teeth, trouble of the throat, nose and ear and other things which are making the lives of so many little helpless children miserable.

It is proposed to secure a competent nurse who will devote her time to the school children of the county during the next school term. The cost will be not less than \$2500, for it will do little good to point out that certain children need attention, and not follow the matter up and see that they get it. There is nearly one fourth of this amount available in the treasury of the County Red Cross Chapter. The Boards of Education may be able to help out some, and of course the teachers and their pupils and the public generally can be depended upon.

The following were named as a committee on ways and means to report at another meeting to be held in a few weeks—G. D. McNeill, chairman, Hubert Echols, Dr. C. S. Kramer, Dr. G. S. Kramer, C. J. Ramsey and F. M. Snyder.

This matter touches every home in Pocahontas County. The welfare of the child is at stake. Too many little ones are seemingly backward and dull in their studies and generally miserable, when a pair of glasses properly fitted or a tooth treated would mean the happiness and health that we like to associate with childhood.

It is believed that one of the greatest drawbacks to our Sunday Schools is poor method in teaching. A demonstration of real teaching by experts will be given at the Dunmore Meeting. While the Institute is in charge of the Young Peoples Division, all S. S. Teachers Superintendents, Pastors County and District officials, and other interested workers are urged to attend. All visitors will be cared for by the Dunmore people. They will make you feel at home. In order that the Committee on Arrangements may have some idea of the probable attendance, it is requested that any expecting to attend the meeting drop a card to the undersigned. Free transportation will be arranged between Stirlington station and Dunmore.

Superintendent Hobart Hill and Associate Superintendent Mary Schroeder will conduct the Institute. Very respectfully, G. D. McNeill, Supt. Young Peoples Division, Pocahontas county.

Dear Editor: If it is not asking to much will you please publish this. Yes I have bin reading the different articles, as regard to nine months school.

And will say this, the home, labor, church and school, are the most vital points we have to Mamage. We heartly favor a reasonable amount of school, but think nine months would be to much pepper for the salt.

If children ust get an education on four months school a year, we believe they ought to get the same today on six months school a year, we think our children are as bright today as they were a century ago.

Their bodies must be developed as well as their heads. Six months to develop their heads, and six months to develop their bodies, seems to be more advisable. And some of them are going to hafto work, and where will they learn to? If they are in school all the time.

We don't believe our children want to make slaves out of their Parents. That is about what it would do. Plans took all the straw away and still wanted the tale of bricks. It could not be done. Neither can this other. We the tax payers of Pocahontas County are grouning under the heavy taxes as it is and cannot stand much more.

From what we see and hear we believe it would pay better to take the Talking machine back where it belongs, and let the Teacher do the talking, he is well paid for it.

We think there is to much BASKET BALL card playing, and different ENTERTAINMENT, for our children to learn. They will learn more in six months without this foolishness, than they will in nine with it.

We don't believe in breaking the tables of education, as Moses Did. But we do believe in destroying the Golden calf, which Aron is sitting up. P. S. It is also a very expensive to change the books so often, poor people cannot make the riffle. D. D.

The attendance at the Methodist Sunday School was 209; at the Presbyterian 162.

## What Do You Pay For Flour?

Are you buying it at the best possible price? If you are not, do you think you are treating yourself right? We are headquarters for flour and feeds of all kinds.

Spring Wheat Flour  
Kansas Hard Wheat Flour  
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Straight Grade Flour and Self Rising Flour  
You will do well to investigate our prices and quality

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## MARLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Harvey H. Orr, Pastor.  
9:45 a. m. Sunday School.  
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship  
Sermon Subject, "The Goodness of God."

3:00 p. m. Preaching at Swago.  
7:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor.  
7:30 p. m. "The Troubler."

The next Communion service will be held Sunday morning April 1st, Easter Sunday. Those who are contemplating uniting with the Presbyterian Church either by letter or on profession of faith should see the pastor or some member of the session and arrange to come in at this time.

The Every Member Canvass of last Sunday afternoon was a pronounced success. Present indications are that the budget will be more than subscribed.

WESLEY CHAPEL M. E. SOUTH  
Hillsboro, West Virginia  
W. Clark Early, Pastor.  
9:45 a. m. Sunday School  
11:00 a. m. Sermon, "The Drawing Power of Christ."  
7:00 p. m. Epworth League.

MARLINTON METHODIST CHURCH  
Rev. Fred B. Wyand, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
A. S. Overholt, Supt.  
11 o'clock. Morning Worship;  
Sermon subject, "The Triumphal Entry."  
7 p. m. Epworth League  
7:45 p. m. Evening services, subject: "The Crown of Thorns."

Mrs. Margaret Hill, wife of Peter Hill, died at her home at Jacob last Friday morning, March 16, 1923. She was near 80 years of age. Some months ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis. Burial at the Whiting graveyard on Droop Mountain, Mrs. Hill's maiden name was Whiting. She is survived by her aged husband and a number of sons and daughters. A son, Dr. E. B. Hill of Marlinton, has been dead a number of years.

Rev. John I. Armstrong, D. D. of Lewisburg will preach next Sunday at Huntersville and Westminster Presbyterian churches.

There will be preaching at the Swago church next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

Baltimore Conference convenes at Roanoke on Wednesday April 4.

## MARBLE ON DISPLAY

Delegate McLaughlin Is Kept Busy Answering Inquiries As Pocahontas Product Attracts Wide Attention

Several samples of the Pocahontas county marble were placed on display yesterday at Hotel Kanawha by Delegate J. A. McLaughlin, representative of that county in the legislature.

Pocahontas county interests are making an effort to have the capitol commission construct the new state house with marble from that section and the product is attracting wide attention.

The marble deposits in Pocahontas are unlimited and geologists have pronounced it of the finest grade, according to Mr. McLaughlin. He said the outcropping is three miles from the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad and that a road is already graded to the location. All that would be necessary, he said, would be to place the tracks. The marble was offered to the commission free and it is understood the proposition is under consideration by the state house builders. A bill has been introduced in the house providing that the capitol should be built of that marble.—Charleston Gazette

Councilman T. D. Moore is the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, and he is taking great interest in improving and beautifying the public burying ground, Mt. View Cemetery. Some gravel road will be put in as soon as funds are available, and Mr. Moore has already ordered four dozen Norway spruce trees and three dozen American arbutus vicia trees. These will be set out immediately.

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## FORCED Out of Business Sale

The store building we now occupy is being advertised for sale on April 3 by order of the court. This necessitates our selling off all goods on our shelves and the goods we recently bought, which are arriving daily. When we bought our spring stock we did not anticipate that the building would go to sale before June court, and of a consequence we ordered much more heavily than we otherwise would have done. We are

## All Stocked Up and No Where to Go

Our goods must be put in the hands of the public, and to insure their prompt delivery we have cut prices unmercifully in this

## Forced Out of Business Sale

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Millinery—new stock and fine goods. Come in and get your choice of unusual bargains. Our loss is your gain.

## GEO. ROSEN

Opposite Postoffice

Marlinton, W. Va.

P. S.—Those to whom we have extended credit will please settle their accounts promptly.